



# THE DOC SCOOP



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## **ETHICS**

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in Oklahoma City. My friend and proud father Bobby Lewis was taking his two little boys to play miniature golf. He walked up to the fellow at the ticket counter and said, "How much is it to get in?" The young man replied, "\$3.00 for you and \$3.00 for any kid who is older than six. We let them in free if they are six or younger. How old are they?" Bobby replied, "The lawyer's three and the doctor is seven, so I guess I owe you \$6.00." The man at the ticket counter said, "Hey, Mister, did you just win the lottery or something? You could have saved yourself three bucks. You could have told me that the older one was six; I wouldn't have known the difference." Bobby replied, "Yes, that may be true, but the kids would have known the difference."

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Who you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying." In challenging times when ethics are more important than ever before, make sure you set a good example for everyone you work and live with.

—Patricia Fripp

## **ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR PROCUREMENT VISITS FORT CAMPBELL**

### **Connie Lee, Procurement Analyst**

Mr. Edward Elgart, spent July 24th visiting his "troops." The DOC was honored to have the opportunity to hear his vision of the future in procurement and to let him know how and what we're doing in the field.

COL Charles Guta, the FORSCOM Principal Assistant for Contracting, also joined us in welcoming Mr. Elgart to an installation contracting office. Various members of the DOC team shared successes and challenges with acquisition reform, customer service and automation initiatives. Mr. Elgart shared his thoughts regarding professionalizing the workforce and our need to become business advisors to our customers.

During the afternoon, Mr. Elgart had an op-



COL Guta, Carl Heckmann, Mr. Elgart and Leslie Carroll

portunity to meet with COL Shull, CSG Commander to discuss contingency contracting. He then went on a tour of parts of the installation to get a feel for the various activities supported by contracts awarded and administered by the DOC. It was a very full day and we certainly appreciate his taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit with us and learn of our successes and concerns.

## **MR. ELGART SPEAKS AT NCMA**

### **Connie Lee, Procurement Analyst**

Mr. Elgart gave us an exciting view of the changes technology will bring to the Army as a whole and the contracting community in particular. His presentation at the National Contract Management Association's luncheon which touched on the Army transformation, legislative and E-Business initiatives really helped us understand the Vision of the Army's top leadership and gave us much food for thought.

One half of the Army's money is spent in contracts. Since this is such a large slice of the budget, revised business practices and market savvy business advisors are crucial to the success of the Army transformation.

Look for the future to bring "virtual offices" and many more exciting innovations.

Angela Jacobs, NCMA President, and Jim Dysart, Finance Committee Chair-

man presented Mr. Elgart with a Fort Campbell baseball cap and drawing/water color picture of a "Screaming Eagle."



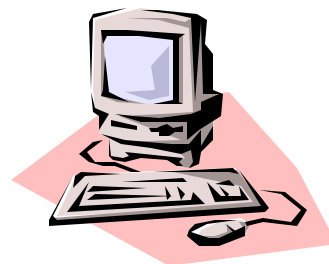


Angela Jacobs and Jim Dysart present Mr. Elgart with momentos to commemorate his visit to Fort Campbell.

## GOVERNMENT SEARCH ENGINE

Did you know there's a Government Search Engine?

The latest version of FirstGov's ([www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)) search engine permits searches of all state and federal Web sites, or users can opt to search federal sites only, state sites only or sites in a particular state. Visitors can also limit searches to specific domain names, home pages or Web page titles and specify that results contain any words, all words or exact phrases. Since FirstGov went online last September, its search engine has been upgraded repeatedly and its topic fields refined. In June the General Services Administration, which runs FirstGov, added links to a wealth of Web offerings from all 50 states.



## DEPLOYING? — TAG YOU'RE IT

### CPT Jean Chausse

OK, once again you've been tagged to deploy somewhere. Since you know logistics is the lynchpin to any successful deployment, you wonder who you can draw support from to help you satisfy your requirements that can't be fulfilled through the army supply system.

The answer is the Contingency Contracting Team, Fort Campbell Directorate of Contracting. "Who is that and what can they do for me?" you might ask.

They are a five person military section within Ft. Campbell's Directorate of Contracting, whose job it is to procure goods and services valued at more than \$2,500 for deployed units. If the location you are deploying to does not have direct contracting support for deployed units (i.e. NTC or Africa), you may want to have a Contingency Contracting Officer (CCO) deploy with you.

Identifying, consolidating and validating requirements in advance is critical to ensure you get the best support at the best price. Once you've reviewed last year's file to see what your requirements were last time you deployed, and/or spoken with a like unit that has experience in that area, it's time to meet the CCO and see how many of the requirements can be satisfied in advance. You will save both time and money this way, as well as many headaches once deployed.

Some common items procured for deployments are: Forklifts, Rental Cars/Trucks, Refrigeration Vans, Photo-

copy support, Catered Meals, Lodging, Laundry Services, Cellular Phones, Portable Toilets, Vehicle Maintenance, and water.

Another tool for Commanders is to ensure the deployed unit has an ample number of trained Ordering Officers. The Division Ordering Officer Program just received a face lift, and is now much more user friendly.

Just click on this link for comprehensive instructions on how to become an ordering officer. This is brand new. Please ensure you pass this information to your subordinates.

<http://www.campbell-doc.army.mil/ordoffproc.htm>

Please contact the Fort Campbell Contingency Contracting Section for any deployment assistance.

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